(c) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to make available free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of society in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The sanctioned Budget Grant under the sub-head 'Grant-in-Aid' in a financial year has been Rs. 40.00 lakh except in 1989-90 and 1990-91 when it was Rs. 45.00 lakh and Rs. 47.00 lakh respectively. The grants released to Madhya Pradesh Legal Aid & Advice Board etc. during the last five financial years are as under :

Financial Year	Grant released Rs.
1988-89 . . .	NIL
1989-90 . . .	1,10,000
1990-91 . . .	1,00,000
1991-92 . . .	2,35,000
1992-93 . . .	2,20,000

The State Legal Aid & Advice Board distribute the grant amongst the District Legal Aid & Committee on the basis of the Legal Aid Programmes to be undertaken by them.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the funds by a State Government may differ depending upon law and order, floods/drought and attitute of the professionals etc.

(c) Various Legal Aid Programmes, such as promotion of Legal literancy, holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats, and Training of Para-Legal etc. are being organised to make available Free Legal Aid to poor persons in different parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh.

Chief Election Commissioner's powers

81. **SHRI P. UPENDRA** : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Election Commissioner has raised a number of issues relating to his powers under Article 324 of the Constitution ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is sub-judice before the Supreme Court of India.

Demand for comprehensive electoral reforms

82. **SHRI P. UPENDRA** :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various political parties have been demanding comprehensive electoral reforms ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Election Commission has also forwarded some draft proposals in this regard ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consult political parties to finalise the contemplated reforms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में लंबित मामले

83. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **प्रधानमंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में श्रेणीवार सिविल, आपराधिक तथा संवैधानिक कितने-कितने मामले लंबित पड़े हैं और उन मामलों का

ब्यौरा क्या है जो पांच और दस वर्ष से अधिक समय से लंबित पड़े हैं ;

(ख) क्या कतिपय मामले बीस वर्ष से अधिक समय से लंबित पड़े हैं, यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) संवैधानिक मामलों में से कितने मामले बंदी प्रत्यक्षीकरण से संबंधित हैं; और

(घ) लंबे समय से लंबित पड़े मामलों को शीघ्र निपटाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) उपलब्ध जानकारी के अनुसार 30-6-1993 को इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में लंबित मामलों की स्थिति निम्नानुसार थी :

	कुल	5 वर्ष से अधिक	10 वर्ष से अधिक
सिविल	279837	116714	42502
दांडिक	111283	66983	20471
संवैधानिक (रिट याचिकाएं)	304760	143591	47900

(ख) 31-3-1993 को इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में, 1756 मामले 20 वर्ष से अधिक अवधि से लंबित थे ।

(ग) इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय की रजिस्ट्री द्वारा 30-6-1993 तक अर्द्ध वार्षिक रिपोर्ट में दी गई जानकारी के अनुसार, इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में कोई भी बंदी प्रत्यक्षीकरण मामला लंबित नहीं था ।

(घ) रजिस्ट्री ने सूचित किया है कि मामलों के शीघ्र विनिश्चय के लिए प्रत्येक संभावित कार्रवाई की जा रही है । ऐसे मामलों को जिनमें विधि के समान प्रश्न अंतर्वलित हैं एक समूह में करके न्यायपीठ के समक्ष लगाया जा रहा है । मामलों के शीघ्र निपटारे के लिए, समय समय पर लोक अदालतें आयोजित की जा रही हैं । बकाया मामलों संबंधी समिति और भारत के विविध आयोगों की सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित करने के लिए कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

Selling of Shares at Throw Away Prices

84. SHRI GURDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that taking advantage of Government's fiscal reforms, Indian subsidiaries of foreign multinatinaiionals art selling their shares to the parent Companies at throwaway prices;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that Bata India Ltd. had decided on June 15, 1992 to sell 47,14,000 shares at Rs. 35 per share, against the then prevailing market value of Rs. 250 per share to Bata (BN) B. V., Amsterdam ;

(c) whether Government Company Law Board have received any complaint in this regard ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) It has come to the notice of the Government that certain Indiin companies with foreign shareholdings have increase their stake by issue of further shares to ther principals abroad, at a premium below the market price prevailing on Indian Stock Exchanges.

(b) to (d) A shareholder of Bata India Ltd. has filed a petition/complaint before the Company Board under Sections 237(b), 247, 248 and 250 of the Companies Act, 1956 praying *inter-alia* foi investigation into the affairs of the company with regard to the purported issue and allotment of 47,14,000 new equity